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APPARATUS AND ITS METHOD, :	:	
AND CONTROL METHOD	)	October 22, 2007

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents (other than U.S. patent documents) are also attached, together with a copy of a Japanese Office Action issued on July 24, 2007, in a Japanese patent application No. 2002-190541 (a counterpart of the present application), in which the references were cited.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the accompanying English abstracts or translations, or to the cited U.S. counterparts, as the case may be. U.S. Patent 6,079,807 is a counterpart of JPA 11-235856, U.S. Patent 6,972,865, of JPA 2001-146045, and U.S. Patent 5,646,752, of JPA 09-181908.

Applicant advises that the cited Japanese documents were each first cited in any foreign application, in the mentioned Japanese Office Action. Each of the cited U.S. documents is cited as an English-language counterpart of one or another of the Japanese documents.

A payment in the amount of \$180.00 is being made for the fee required for consideration of this information at this time. Please charge any deficiency in this fee, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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